

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1851, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HENSARLING OF TEXAS AND
MR. CHABOT OF OHIO**

Page 107, after line 9, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 19. WORK REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE RECEIVING AS-
2 SISTANCE FOR 7 YEARS OR MORE.

3 Section 16 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
4 (42 U.S.C. 1437n), as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended by adding at the
5 end the following new subsection:

7 “(g) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ASSISTED FAMILIES
8 RECEIVING SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE FOR 7 YEARS OR
9 MORE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this
11 subsection and notwithstanding any other provision
12 of this Act, assistance under section 8 may not be
13 provided on behalf of any family who has previously
14 been provided such assistance for 84 consecutive
15 months or more, unless each member of the family
16 who is 18 years of age or older performs not fewer
17 than 20 hours of approved work activities (as such

1 term is defined in section 407(d) of the Social Secu-
2 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d))).

3 “(2) EXEMPTION.—The Secretary of Housing
4 and Urban Development shall provide an exemption
5 from the applicability of paragraph (1) for any indi-
6 vidual family member who—

7 “(A) is 62 years of age or older;

8 “(B) is a blind or disabled individual, as
9 defined under section 216(i)(1) or 1614 of the
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(i)(1);
11 1382c), and who is unable to comply with this
12 section, or is a primary caretaker of such indi-
13 vidual;

14 “(C) is engaged in a work activity (as such
15 term is defined in section 407(d) of the Social
16 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d)), as in effect on
17 and after July 1, 1997));

18 “(D) meets the requirements for being ex-
19 empted from having to engage in a work activ-
20 ity under the State program funded under part
21 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
22 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare
23 program of the State in which the public hous-
24 ing agency administering rental assistance de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) is located, including a
2 State-administered welfare-to-work program;

3 “(E) is in a family receiving assistance
4 under a State program funded under part A of
5 title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare pro-
7 gram of the State in which the public housing
8 agency administering such rental assistance is
9 located, including a State-administered welfare-
10 to-work program, and has not been found by
11 the State or other administering entity to be in
12 noncompliance with such program; or

13 “(F) is a single custodial parent caring for
14 a child who has not attained 6 years of age,
15 and the individual proves that the individual
16 has a demonstrated inability (as determined by
17 the State) to obtain needed child care, for one
18 or more of the following reasons:

19 “(i) Unavailability of appropriate
20 child care within a reasonable distance
21 from the individual’s home or work site.

22 “(ii) Unavailability or unsuitability of
23 informal child care by a relative or under
24 other arrangements.

1 “(iii) Unavailability of appropriate
2 and affordable formal child care arrange-
3 ments.

4 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—A public housing
5 agency providing rental assistance described in para-
6 graph (1) may administer the work activities re-
7 quirement under this subsection directly, through a
8 resident organization, or through a contractor hav-
9 ing experience in administering work activities pro-
10 grams within the service area of the public housing
11 agency. The Secretary may establish qualifications
12 for such organizations and contractors.

13 “(4) PROSPECTIVE APPLICABILITY.—In deter-
14 mining the number of months for which an assisted
15 family has been provided assistance under section 8,
16 for purposes of paragraph (1), a public housing
17 agency shall disregard any month that commenced
18 before the date of the enactment of the Section 8
19 Voucher Reform Act of 2007.”.

Page 39, line 18, strike “and”.

Page 39, after line 18, insert the following:

20 “(v) include an amount for the costs of ad-
21 ministering the work activities requirement
22 under section 16(g); and”.

Page 39, line 19, strike “(v)” and insert “(vi)”.